

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

The Secretary, United States
Department of Housing and Urban
Development, on behalf of
Andrew Rusinov,

Charging Party,

and

Andrew Rusinov,

Intervenor,

v.

Jankowski Lee & Associates,
River Park Development
Corporation, John R. Pankratz, and
Sue Sellin,

Respondents.

Respondent.

HUDALJ 05-93-0517-1
Decided: September 7, 1995

William E. Hughes III, Esquire
For the Respondents

Lewis Nixon, Esquire
Geoffrey T. Roupas, Esquire
Michael Kalven, Esquire
For the Charging Party

Thomas J. Erickson, Esquire
For the Intervenor

Before: Robert A. Andretta

Administrative Law Judge

**INITIAL DECISION AND ORDER ON
ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS**

On August 14, 1995, Intervenor Andrew Rusinov filed a Petition For Attorney Fees And Costs for the above-captioned case. Complainant seeks \$9,200 in attorney fees and \$57.02 in costs for Thomas J. Erickson, Esquire, who represented Rusinov in this case.

Mr. Erickson filed his Affidavit Of Thomas J. Erickson along with the Petition, stating that he had worked 73.6 hours on the case at his regular rate of \$125 per hour, and that he had incurred the costs for postage, long-distance phoning, and a service fee. In addition, Mr. Erickson provided a detailed list itemizing the hours of legal work expended on this case. The Petition is further supported by an Affidavit Of Process Server that states the service fee to be that which is requested by Mr. Erickson.

Respondents have filed no opposition to the Petition. Accordingly, and since the rate of \$125 per hour and the claimed work and costs appear to be reasonable¹, the Petition is **GRANTED**, and the amounts requested will be awarded, in full, in the Order that follows.

Order

Within 45 days of the date on which this initial decision becomes final, Respondents will pay Intervenor \$9,257.02 to compensate him for his attorney fees and costs in litigation of this case. This Order is entered pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 3612(g), (h) and (p), and 24 CFR 104.930, and will become final upon the expiration of thirty (30) days or the affirmance, in whole or in part, by the Secretary within that time.

So ORDERED.

ROBERT A. ANDRETTA
Administrative Law Judge

Dated: September 7, 1995.

¹ See *HUD v. Simpson* Fair Housing - Fair Lending (P-H) ¶25,044 at p. 25,443 (HUDALJ 05-90-0293-1; April 16, 1993).